

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested.

Summary of Amendments

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 140, 141 and 143 are amended and claims 146-152 are added, whereby claims 138-152 will be pending, with claim 138 being the only independent claim.

Support for the new claims can be found throughout the present specification.

Applicants emphasize that the amendments to claims 140, 141 and 143 are without prejudice or disclaimer, and Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute the amended claims in their original, unamended form in one or more continuation and/or divisional applications.

Summary of Office Action

As an initial matter, Applicants note with appreciation that claims 138 and 139 are allowed.

Claims 142 and 144 (and probably also claim 145) are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Claims 140, 141 and 143 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

Response to Office Action

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection and rejection of record are respectfully requested, in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 140, 141 and 143 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The rejection essentially alleges that there is no enablement for the prevention of the conditions recited in claims 140, 141 and 143 and no enablement for the treatment of some of the conditions recited in claim 140.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner in this regard. At any rate, claim 140, 141 and 143 have been amended in accordance with the suggestions at page 10, second paragraph of the instant Office Action, thereby rendering this rejection moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are in condition for allowance, wherefore an early issuance of the Notices of Allowance and Allowability is again respectfully solicited. If any issues yet remain which can be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,
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